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INTRODUCTION

The Pope Family Papers (1829 - 1906) are centered on two families in Blount and Williamson Counties, Tennessee, Dr. Samuel Pride (1799 - 1863), physician, and Reverend Fielding Pope (____), minister. The donor of these materials is Mary A. Pope of Franklin, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure .84 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Pope Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Pope Family Papers, containing approximately 77 items, span the period 1829 - 1906. The collection is composed of an announcement, association, institutions, etc., (Freemasonry) membership, church record, correspondence, court records, currency, bank notes, etc., diaries, financial documents, an invitation, a legal document, military records, printed materials, promissory notes, school records, a slave record, and several miscellaneous items.

Most of the correspondence is of a family nature and consists of letters between Dr. Samuel Pride (1799 - 1863) and his children and Reverend Fielding Pope (____) and his children of Blount and Williamson Counties, Tennessee. The letter that has the most historical interest is the one written by Dr. Pride, dated October 8, 1863, to his wife, Mary Montgomery (Sharp) Pride (1806 - 1867), describing the recent Battle of Chickamauga and his concern for the safety of his wife and their property in East Tennessee [see Box 1, f. 9]. Dr. Pride died seventeen days later from typhoid fever and pneumonia.

There are eight diaries in the collection, seven by Mary Ann (Pride) Pope (____) and one by her husband, Thomas Andrew Pope (1827 - 1900). The entries note weather conditions, letters received and written, visitors, birthdays and anniversaries, and family activities.

Military records include the election of officers of the 3rd Regular Tennessee Volunteers, CSA, orders, passes, etc.

A slave bill of sale in 1849 records that a three and a half year old Negro boy named "John Henry" was sold for \$100.00 in Baltimore City, Maryland.

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